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Huntsville Center contractor employees killed in Iraq identified

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employee killed in Iraq Aug. 13 has been identified.

Rogelio Saraida, 47, from Pasay City, Philippines, was killed when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device.

Saraida worked as a security specialist and was employed by The AIM Group, which is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

This brings the number of contractor casualties killed while working for the Coalition Munitions Clearance program since September 2003 to 27.

“Our condolences go out to the family,” said Bill Sargent, program manager, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program. “Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission.”

The incident is under investigation.

Huntsville Center is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center’s Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq.



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